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1. Berlin Youth Rally to be confined to Soviet sector--Headquarters of US Forces in Germany reports that at a Berlin conference on 4 May attended by General Kotikov, the Soviet Commandant in Berlin; the chairman of the Free German Youth (FDJ); and other high officials, the following decisions were made regarding the FDJ rally scheduled for the weekend of 27-29 May: (a) under no circumstances will participants in the rally be permitted to enter the western sectors of Berlin; (b) "mass quarters" close to the western sector borders will not be used; and (c) without special permission, rally participants will not be permitted to distribute propaganda in the western sectors.

(CIA Comment: On the basis of recent evidence, CIA believes the FDJ will avoid any occasion of major conflict with the west sector police during the rally. CIA continues to believe, however, that either planned or unpremeditated incidents of violence within the western sectors are likely to occur.)

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2. BOLIVIA: General strike becomes revolutionary attempt--
[redacted] the general strike has now become a revolutionary attempt by a combination of the rightist MNR (National Revolutionary Movement) and Communist-led PIR (Party of the Revolutionary Left) involving pitched battles with government forces in which approximately sixty persons have been killed to date. US Embassy La Paz states that disturbances are confined to the capital.

(CIA Comment: Although pressure on the Bolivian Government is great, there is a fair chance for its survival so long as the military support it as effectively as at present.)

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